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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	39-75.25	58-61	60.02	30

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

75.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

75.07

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	167,101	168,254

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.50	1,425
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,621
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00	1,437
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00	1,025
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,141
WINGS	95.50	2,995

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was cautiously steady, undertone weak. Offerings were heavy on large birds, adequate on smaller ones. Trade interest was shifting focus to traditional Thanksgiving proteins and showing little interest in acquiring any additional chicken. Demand into food service and retail accounts was generally slow, occasionally moderate to fairly good for aggressively priced retail advertisements. Floor stocks were in a full range, majority noted fully adequate to ample with reduced commitments for next week's incoming shipments. Weights desirable to slightly heavy. Buyer interest on parts was only for very competitively priced items. Parts supplies were fully available and discounted to help stimulate interest. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat and steady to cautiously steady on leg quarters; barely steady to weak on other parts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	77.00	77.09	67.38	EASTERN REGION	76.00	76.36	65.69
CENTRAL REGION	77.00	76.20	70.90	CENTRAL REGION	79.00	76.25	64.79
WESTERN REGION	77.00	77.10**	66.80	WESTERN REGION	76.74	76.30**	65.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-October -2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	162,135
Avg Wt	5.41
Last week	161,485
Same wk yr ago	159,099
Avg Wt	5.25
To-date/2004	6,592,318
To-date/2003	6,487,037

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	

Head	1,806	2,597
Avg Wt	16.53	36.70
Last week	1,515	2,624
Same wk yr ago	1,801	3,022
Avg Wt	16.04	34.33
To-date/2004	72,358	107,400
To-date/2003	78,862	115,311

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	106.00	106.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	139.00	139.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	-	-
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	142.00	142.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	480.00 604.91	495.52
168 3 Round, top inside round	157.35 175.25	159.45
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	445.00 477.65	462.24
Ground Beef 81%	120.25 143.40	133.11

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